

SALOONS PREPARE TO CLOSE ON THURSDAY

TWENTY-SIX MORE VACANT BUILDINGS AFTER THAT DATE; MANY FAMILIES WILL LEAVE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Already the 26 saloons of Prescott have prepared to close their doors on January 1, according to the mandates of the prohibition law, which the federal court upheld at Los Angeles last week. The time of closing is midnight on Thursday of the current week. In many places the proprietors have already commenced to pack up all surplus goods which they think will be left on their hands despite special sales they may be able to make between now and the date of their farewell to business in Prescott. With the saloons the Prescott brewery will also close. The report that this institution would commence the manufacture of two per cent beer is not true. In fact the proprietors smile derisively whenever such a proposition is mentioned to them, as even "two per cent" is outlawed. Already most of the fifteen or twenty families who were supported by this enterprise have left the city, and those remaining will be ready to go by the first of the year, it was stated yesterday. Mr. John Bauer goes to San Francisco.

It is said there are thirty-five bartenders in Prescott, about half of which number are married men, and these will be left without jobs. Already some of them have prepared to leave the city and a few have secured other employment here. There are some saloons in Prescott the proprietors of which have large investments, and these will be the hardest hit, although the stroke is heavy with reference to each and every one. None of the saloon men have made public their intentions for the future so far as business is concerned. In many of the saloons windows are advertisements for the closing out sale of goods at practically cost prices, and one saloon keeper said yesterday that many people were stocking up their sideboards for the long drought which will arrive Thursday night.

New Era.
The passing of the saloons marks a new era for Prescott, the result of which is problematical. There are two factions now giving their views as to what this will be. One declares that it means a period of depression, at least until a readjustment can take place. The other contends that it means an accelerated prosperity practically from the start. It is evident, however, that a readjustment period is sure. It is impossible to so suddenly withdraw material wealth from the channels of local trade to such an extent as the closing of the saloons will do without it being felt at least for a time, or until another element of trade is added to take its place.

Prescott has had saloons ever since it has been on the map, and it is one of the oldest cities in the state. With the settling up of the southwest came an element of pioneer life which believed in saloons, as is the case in all cities, especially in mining sections. Saloons were a part of the foundation of the business of the community. There were an integral part of the very heart and life of the west and southwest. This means that as time passed they became a part of the very masonry of the foundation, and the people accepted them and they prospered and grew as the community advanced. To suddenly remove such an old element at this time, just when the country is entering into the ante-room of active development and inviting people imbued with the spirit of the southwest and its animated environments, is taking a leap in the dark, to say the least, and no man can at this time correctly outline the result. But, as Grover Cleveland said when he awoke one fine morning and found a good-sized panic on hand, "it is a condition, not a theory, which confronts us," and people simply are compelled to accept the inevitable and make the very best that is possible out of it.

Miss May Gratz To Be Married

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Miss May Gratz is to be married in Los Angeles at high noon Wednesday of this week to Mr. Gus Hoffman, a prominent young man of that

city. Miss Gratz did not give this out for publication when she left Prescott Sunday for the coast city, after a visit with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gratz, and her hosts of friends, but she had not been gone many hours when the "eyes that never sleep" knew of the plans of cupid to unite her to one of the prominent young business men of Los Angeles.

Miss Gratz came to Prescott a few weeks ago to spend Christmas with her father and mother, and was accorded a joyful reception by her many friends. It being a case where a woman says to her friends "never to tell," of course it is told, and the general public never realizes the difference.

The bride-to-be is well known and highly esteemed in Prescott where she formerly resided.

STATE OFFICERS AT CUNIFF FUNERAL

AMONG THEM GOV. HUNT; PAY LAST RESPECTS TO MAN WHOM THEY HONORED IN LIFE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
In the presence of Gov. Geo. W. P. Hunt and a number of other state dignitaries, all the county officials and many prominent citizens and friends of deceased, the funeral of Hon. M. G. Cuniff, president of the first Arizona state senate, was held yesterday morning at the Ruffner mortuary chapel, after which the remains were followed to their last resting place in Mountain View cemetery by most of those who attended the obsequies.

The funeral and prayer service of the Episcopal church were read at the bier by Rev. H. H. Shires of Jerome, who was brought to the city by automobile from Jerome Junction on account of the train being late. It was a beautiful and impressive service, and the solemnity of this particular occasion was unusual. At the close of the service those present who desired looked for the last time on the face of their departed friend.

Those who came from Phoenix to attend the funeral were: Governor Hunt, Sidney P. Osborn, secretary of state; Mulford Winsor, chairman of the state last commission; Charles W. Harris, adjutant general and Sam P. Bradner, chairman of the live stock and sanitary board of the state. With these men Mr. Cuniff was intimately associated during his career as president of the state senate and in various other capacities, and his death caused many expressions of regret on their part yesterday. A number of other state dignitaries and members of the state senate and assembly had planned to be present at the funeral, but the heavy storms in the southern part of the state made it impossible for them to get to Prescott with any degree of certainty as to time. The party from Phoenix arrived Sunday afternoon during the snow storm. A number of people from the nearby country and Jerome were noticed at the chapel.

Mrs. Cuniff and her little boy and girl, Bernard, aged eight, and Hilda, aged ten, Mr. Bernard Cuniff, brother of the deceased, and Mrs. Dr. Spink, sister of Mrs. Cuniff, constituted the bereaved relatives who were present at the funeral. The trial was severe on Mrs. Cuniff, who was at the home of her sister in Indianapolis when the grim messenger called at her home and on one day's notice took from her a husband whom she had left in the very best of health and spirits a short time previous, when she started east. Mrs. Dr. Spink was at the Cuniff home with the children and deceased when the end came. The brother of the deceased registers from Boston, Massachusetts, the old family home, but he is closely identified with the business interests of Yavapai county and Arizona.

The pallbearers were: Sidney P. Osborn, S. P. Bradner, Mulford Winsor, Morris Goldwater, E. W. Wells, and Homer Wood.

FIGURING UP DAMAGES.

HAVRE, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Carton de Wiart, minister of justice for Belgium, has been instructed by his government to undertake the work of estimating the amount of material damage caused by German occupation, with a view to putting in claims for reimbursement at the end of the war, in case the allies should be victorious.

IS CITY RECORDER AN ELECTIVE POSITION?

QUESTION MAY BE TESTED IN COURT; PETITION OF MRS. RUFFNER FOR OFFICE REJECTED

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
"And thereby hangs a tale."

But the tale has never been completely told.

It was expected it would be told, however, yesterday by the filing of papers in the Superior court. The tale referred to is the filing of a petition with the city recorder last Saturday afternoon a few moments before the closing of the office, and the time when such papers had to be filed to give them the necessary legal animation, which had for its object the placing of the name of Mrs. Edith Ruffner on the so-called "Citizens" ticket for city recorder.

When this petition was filed Recorder Robinson refused to accept it on the grounds that the position of recorder was appointive. As soon as his refusal was made a matter of public knowledge the people behind the new ticket made arrangements to mandamus the recorder to compel him to place the name of Mrs. Ruffner on the ballot.

The whole question is whether the office of recorder is elective or appointive. According to the opinion of City Attorney E. J. Mitchell, it is appointive. But "the other fellows" do not agree with this version of the city charter and this is the crux of the coming contest.

Mr. Mitchell says that before the rendering of his opinion to the council he went thoroughly over the charter and that it is plain as to the point at issue. And since the rendering of his opinion some cases have come up whereby he has been sustained. These were cases in which the Wells-Fargo Express Co., the Western Union Telegraph Company and the state tax and corporation commissions objected to the operation of the charter on various propositions and appealed to the attorney general and their own special attorneys, in each instance, the decision sustaining the contention of Mr. Mitchell. He said yesterday that if the opposition wished to contest the matter he would welcome it because it would bring the matter to a decision upon which the city could depend for future action.

It was currently reported on the streets yesterday that Mrs. Ruffner would not accept the position, but it was impossible to confirm this statement. The matter rests with the court, or will rest when submitted. Homer Wood seems to be the authority for the contention that the city charter makes the office elective. If the mandamus papers are filed today it will soon be known which faction is right. In either event, the prospects for a city contest worthy of note on January 5th are probable.

FIRE CHIEF A. A. JOHNS WILL RESIGN

GIVES NOTICE TO MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS BANQUET; TREASURER'S REPORT

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
In addition to the feast at the fire house by the Prescott volunteer fire department, there were some impromptu speeches made and William M. Poulson, treasurer of the department, submitted his financial report for the year.

Those who spoke were Chief A. A. Johns, Judge F. O. Smith, Secretary Jack Jones and H. W. Beard, and many were the words of felicitation uttered with regard to the good work of the past year and the fact that during 1914 there had not been one heavy fire in the city. The department is divided into four companies, each one of which has made a good record during its whole history, but none better than during 1914. The remarkable fact was mentioned by one of the speakers that Prescott had not had what might be called a single disastrous blaze since what is known as the great fire which wiped out a number of blocks

that have since been replaced with much better structures.

Fire Chief A. A. Johns, who has been at the head of the department for fourteen years, took great pains to please the assembled firemen and their friends by reviewing their work and giving each member words of praise. But when he stated that he would ask to be relieved of the position which he has held so long and efficiently at the annual meeting, the first Monday in February, there were many expressions of regret. He said that he would be out of the city much of the time during the coming year and could not possibly look after the duties of the position as was necessary to make the work a complete success, and gave due notice that he expected to be relieved. It is also known that Assistant Fire Chief John Bauer will soon remove to San Francisco, which will make it necessary, unless Mr. Johns changes his mind, to select both a new chief and assistant. The city council confirms these appointments when they are made.

Financial Report.
According to the financial report of Treasurer Poulson, the expenses of the past year amounted to \$566.30. After all bills were paid up to the date of writing the report, there was a balance in what is known as the checking account of \$149.50. The treasury was replenished to the amount of \$687 by the receipts from the Fourth of July dance. The total amount in the interest fund, which is for the purpose of meeting accidents and other special expenses is \$1,036.92.

Faithful Horse Feasts And Dies

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
There is but little difference all between man and beast, when it comes to devouring the tempting repast of a holiday spread, and the dumb brute, like the human, pays for the pleasure of eating too much.

This was the case with "George," the white horse of Chaparral, the property of John S. Jones, which equine had reached the good old age of thirty years. He was given a Christmas feed of barley galore, and munched it all down. It was too much for his shattered organism after browsing on oak brush and wild hay in the rocks. This animal was idolized by women and children of that region. For many years, also, had it proved a boon to its owner in helping develop the Jessie and Union mines. It propelled a whim with human insight, knew every inch of the 1,600 foot long tunnel, answered the bell signals to move or stop, and was a faithful and intelligent brute. "George" was never tied up and had the right-of-way to go and come at will. Every miner knew him and every woman and child was his friend.

Little Business In Superior Court

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
A short session of the Superior court was held yesterday. The principal business was a replevin suit in the case of the Redman Stockholders Corporation vs. C. C. Keeler, sheriff. The sheriff sold some property belonging to the plaintiff under execution, and the owner of the property replevined the same. The case was tried and August 4th set as the date when arguments are to be submitted. Judge Daniel E. Parks appears for the plaintiff.

In the case of the State Mutual Loan Association vs. Ferguson, judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$1,943.56 and ten per cent attorney's fees. Judgment was also rendered in favor of the intervenor, Montgomery, in the sum of \$1,327.79 and ten per cent attorney's fees, subject to the judgment of the plaintiff.

Two Little Girls Arrive Christmas

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Miss Matli of Williamson valley and Miss Devine, of Alamo, Mohave county, spent their first Christmas in Prescott, and both were chaperoned by the Stork. They concluded to surprise their parents on the joyous day, and it is needless to say, the occasion proved a joyous one to Mr. and Mrs. A. Matli and Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Devine.

Matli, particularly, is a very happy mortal, and says he got what was wanted, a daughter. Devine now has three girls "in a row" as he expressed it to friends, and is preparing to leave for home in a few days. Matli, however, is deliberating whether to return to his dairy ranch or not, as his time has been taken up every minute in fondling his future heir.

YAVAPAI COUNTY WILL SEND DELEGATES

CATTLE GROWERS' CONVENTION MEETS NEXT YEAR AT DOUGLAS; CONVENES JAN. 4TH

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
C. E. Gentry, secretary of the Yavapai County Cattle Growers' Association, says that it has not been fully determined who will represent the local association at the state convention in Douglas, January 4th, 5th and 6th, but that there will be a delegation present. Reduced rates have been obtained over all the railroads of the state for the event, and Douglas, he says, has prepared a warm welcome and royal entertainment for what is expected to be the greatest state convention in the history of the organization.

Following is the program for the three-day session:

January 4, 1915.

Speech of welcome by mayor.

C. P. Mullen, "Work of the Association in 1914."

Appointment of committees.

Afternoon.

Governor G. W. P. Hunt, "Arizona and the Cattle Industry."

Dr. R. H. Williams, "The Management of Bulls under Range Conditions."

Dr. R. B. von Kleinsmid, "The University of Arizona and its Connection with the Cattle Industry."

Chas. E. Hardy, "Relationship Between the Federal Government and the Cattle Growers' Association."

Hon. C. M. Zander, "Uniform Taxation of Live Stock."

Hon. W. Paul Geary, "The Shippers and the Railroad Company."

Hon. Mulford Winsor, "Public Lands."

January 5, 1915.

Discussion of forest reserve regulation.

Meeting of advisory committee with forest reserve officers.

Discussion of necessary legislation.

January 6, 1915.

Report of committees.

Election of officers.

General business of the association.

HE STUMBLES ON OWN TROOPS IN DARK

HAVRE, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—An account of how a wounded French soldier, who had wandered for fifteen days between the two battle lines with no food except raw vegetables, at last stumbled upon his own troops in the dark, where he was rescued by a comrade, is told by a French infantryman at the front in a letter to his parents at Havre.

"I was one of a handful of men guarding a canal," he said, "with orders to shoot anyone appearing on the other side. In the night, just about dawn, I heard a sharp cry of 'halt.' It came from one of the sentries who noticed a creeping figure just across the canal. A voice came back: 'France! Don't shoot, I am wounded.'"

"This kind of adventure had cost us dearly on many occasions, so we called our captain. While we kept the silhouette under the cover of our rifles, the captain put a number of questions. In reply, the man told us he was wounded fifteen days previous. Since then he had been wandering about, living on the food growing in the fields, fearing both to run into the German lines and at the same time dreading to be shot by mistake in trying to find his way into the French lines. His wounds were such, he said, that he was unable to cross the ditch and he begged one of us to come over after him.

"Was this a trap, we wondered? But the captain believed the man and asked for a volunteer for the rescue. To cross the canal meant exposure to the fire of the German outposts, for the sky was now clearing. We had in our company a postman from Normandy named Guyot. Without a moment's hesitation, Guyot ran to the canal, crossed, took the man on his back and returned."

The wounded man suffered from five bullet holes, including a badly infected one in the leg.

BUSINESS FIRMS ARE HIT HARD BY LAW

LIGHT AND WATER TO GO AT HUMBOLDT; ARIZ. BREWING CO. HEAVY SUFFERERS IN BEER

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Under consideration by the Humboldt Improvement Company, is a total suspension on January 1, of their light and water service in the town of Humboldt, was the statement made yesterday by the president of that concern.

The move is the outcome, he stated, of the patronage being so affected when the prohibition law goes into effect on that day. That the business will be relieved of a majority of tenants of sixteen buildings, who are interested in the liquor business. "To continue with the loss of the above, will necessitate the stockholders resorting to their individual resources to meet an appreciable deficit, and which is not warranted by the revenue coming in even under prevailing conditions. Only a slight margin of profit is available under normal conditions, and I do not believe our company will care to stand the additional losses that will accrue," was the statement made by the above party. He also stated the losses will not be remedied, in his opinion, by new patronage. The company is composed of about twenty stockholders, the majority of whom reside in this city. They own several dwellings and furnish the smelter city with light and water.

The losses sustained by the Arizona Brewing Company, in a manufactured product, it was also learned yesterday, would reach to the enormous sum of between \$9,000 and \$10,000, in beer alone ready for market. What disposition is to be made of this article was not learned, but that it will be destroyed was the supposition of an attaché of the firm. The plant is valued at, close to \$100,000, and is entirely useless for any other purpose than for what it was built. This institution in winter employed twenty-one mechanics, and in the summer as high as thirty-two.

Are Now At Home To Their Friends

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Belcher, formerly Ray Belcher and Miss Anna Noel, are at home in Prescott to their many friends. They arrived safe and sound yesterday on the train from Los Angeles, where they spent their honeymoon, after pulling off a matrimonial stunt in Prescott for which their many friends will never forgive them. Ray was at his desk as clerk of the board of supervisors yesterday as smiling and accommodating as ever, but his friends looked with green eyes when the subject was mentioned as though something might happen between two days which the Journal-Miner might have no means of knowing until after the Tuesday morning paper had been issued.

Popular Jeromite Is Called Away

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Arrivals from Jerome Sunday brought the news of the death of Thomas Peacock, one of the most popular residents of that city. He was the chief mechanical engineer of the United Verde, and his affliction was an acute attack of Bright's disease that proved fatal in a few hours after he was stricken. The deceased had been a resident of Jerome for many years, and in addition to his capability, enjoyed the good will of all. The funeral took place on Sunday, and the Moose lodge remains away. A widow, son and daughter survive.

ESTATE CLOSED.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The decree of final distribution in the estate of W. W. Nichols, deceased, was recorded yesterday. By it the surviving widow, Mrs. Lucinda Nichols, receives title to a one-third interest in the Greenup and Green Flower mines, at Jerome, forty acres of land in the Verde valley, certain lots in the capitol addition to Phoenix, and other interests. This disposition of the estate is due to the sale being closed of the above mines. Mr. Nichols passed away in 1898, and his affairs had been under probate since that time.

CATTLEMEN JOIN IN BIG RANGE MOVEMENT

WILL BUILD DRIFT FENCE 50 MILES LONG TO SEGREGATE GRAZING DOMAIN

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Following an agreement verbally considered, from sixty to eighty cattlemen are to assemble today at Simmons, to definitely close up the building of a drift fence that will have a total length of over fifty miles, and involves the expenditure of several thousand dollars.

The purpose of this movement is to keep the cattle of Williamson and Big Chino valleys segregated into certain grazing territory, and without either encroaching on the rights to be enjoyed by the other. The long fence will be laid from the C. E. Stewart ranch, near Williamson valley, and its terminus will be Seligman. The Chino cattle by this barrier cannot graze to the south, while the Williamson stock cannot invade the north. The fence will be built of barbed wire and have four strands without an opening from start to finish for the fifty miles. The wagon roads leading out of Williamson valley will not be disturbed, neither will those out of Chino valley.

Assistant Forest Supervisor J. C. McNulty left for Simmons yesterday to be at the meeting, when the land allotments of the service are to be officially considered for this undertaking.

STOP THE TRAIN TO ROUNDUP WILDCAT

CREW OF VERDE VALLEY ROAD CATCH PRETTY FELINE FOR XMAS PRESENT

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
An arrival from Clarkdale on Sunday, reported a novel scene as occurring on Christmas day as the train of the Verde Valley railroad was descending the grade and suddenly came to a standstill. "A cat on the track" rang out and with the whistle signal all passengers aboard became interested.

In a few seconds the crew was on the move in the feline roundup, and a dog going to the terminus was also released from the express car. The formation was of the open order and the commander of the forces was General Shackelford, the engineer, Conductor Shady Lane was his adjutant, while brakeman Pendleton and Fireman Steyart were deployed as advance guards. The ten or twelve passengers brought up the rear and were deployed for a hundred yards. Steyart flanked the feline, and caught it by the nape of the neck, when Pendleton got brave and came into close contact with its claws, receiving quite a gash for interfering, when it "threw up its hands." Shackelford then came up at double quick time, and did the finishing work, tying the critter down a la range fashion. The cat was put in the box of the cab of the engineer, and it is useless to state, Shackelford held down the job until Clarkdale without moving an inch.

Fus will be adopted by the crew, and Shady Lane will be its master in teaching it a series of stunts. He says this is the first time known in the history of railroading where a long train was brought to a standstill by a feline obstruction, and on Christmas day, as well. The cat weighed 22 pounds, and was in poor condition. After it is domesticated it will be utilized as a mascot of the Verde road.

DISOBEYED ORDERS.

HAVRE, Dec. 28. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Several Belgian officers have been deprived of their rank by royal decree for having crossed into Holland without the excuse of military necessity. On the fall of Antwerp a large force of Belgians and English were driven into Holland by the Germans, and were disarmed. But a major, two captain-commandants, a captain and two sub-lieutenants, who voluntarily crossed in order to escape further military duty, have paid the penalty with the loss of their shoulder straps.